

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-59 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 27-30, and 56-59, which are independent, are hereby amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification, specifically at page 15, lines 29-31.

No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicant is entitled.

II. SUPPORT FOR THIS AMENDMENT

Citations to Figures and Specification locations are provided. However, such citations are provided merely as examples and are not intended to limit the interpretation of the claims or to evidence or create any estoppel.

As an example, support of the amendment can be found at page 15, lines 29-31 of the Specification, which is reproduced as follows:

Page 15, lines 29-31,

In another implementation, a server provides limited use links. In a limited use link, after a set number of services have been requested through the linking account after establishing the link, the server terminates the link.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2004/0243665 to Markki, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Markki”) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0056093 to Huitema, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Huitema”) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,758,746 to Hunter, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Hunter”) and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20050044048 to Zmudzinski et al. (hereinafter, merely “Zmudzinski”).

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

wherein after a predetermined number of services is requested through the link between the first account and the second account, the link between the first account and the second account is terminated. (Emphasis added)

Applicant submits that Markki, Huitema, Hunter, and Zmudzinski, taken either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or render predictable the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, nothing is found that discloses or renders predictable “**wherein after a predetermined number of services is requested through the link between the first account and the second account, the link between the first account and the second account is terminated,**” as recited in claim 1.

Zmudzinski, as cited in the Office Action (see page 6), revokes a license when a master licensee chooses to terminate execution of a sharable application. Such a termination does not taken into account of the number of service have been requested using the mater/device license. Before a termination, a great number of services may have been requested. Or, when a termination is executed, none of the service may be requested. In contrast, claim 1 recites **“wherein after a predetermined number of services is requested through the link between the first account and the second account, the link between the first account and the second account is terminated.”**

Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable.

For similar reasons as those described above, claims 27-30 and 56-59 are also patentable.

As nothing in the prior art cited in the Office Action cures the above-identified deficiencies, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. As nothing in the prior art cited in the Office Action cures the above-identified deficiencies, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections. As each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Because Applicant maintains that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.


In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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